

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line on page 10 with the following paragraph:

B₁ --The present invention contemplates that various materials may be used for the metal wire used in the mesh members 25, 25', 25'' and 28. Examples of such materials include stainless steels, cobalt chrome alloys, titanium, titanium alloys, and nickel titanium. It is further contemplated that the metal wires forming mesh members 25, 25', 25'' and 28 can be interwoven with non-metallic materials such as nylon fibers, carbon fibers, fibers made from collagen strands, or polyethylene fibers, for example. In a preferred embodiment the selected materials provide a ~~radiopaque~~ radiopaque implant.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following paragraph:

B₂ --Referring now to Fig. 7, yet a further embodiment implant made from the mesh material of the present invention is illustrated. Implant 40 has a generally rectangular mesh portion 42 with a number of spars 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 44e, and 44f secured thereto as discussed above with respect to implant 30. Implant 40 has one specific application for repair of a fracture F in bone B as shown in Fig. 8. Implant 40 can be provided to form an annulus. For example, implant 40 can be wrapped around bone B such that spars 44 extend along the axis A of the bone B and across the fracture F. Implant 40 can be secured to bone B by placing one or more surgical fixation devices 46, such as a SONGER cable, around the implant 40. It is also contemplated that wires, screws, sutures, anchors, staples or other fastening devices can be used to secure implant 40 to bone B to immobilize fracture F. Alternatively, one ~~ore~~ or more spars 44a-44f can be provided to conform the implant about the bone B, particularly a bone defect. The spars 44a-44f can be pre-formed. Alternatively, spars 44a-44f can be formed of a deformable or shape memory material adapted to conform to or bear against bone B. Tissue growth material formed with the mesh portion promotes tissue growth and incorporation into the body tissue.--